

the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 625, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date, S. 1117, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, S. 1168 and H.R. 1694, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Katherine H. Stevenson, Acting Deputy Director, Support Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Sharon F. Francis, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Charlestown, New Hampshire; and Mara Farrell, Fishkill Historical Focus, Fishkill, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2009"; and

The nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, who was introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative Becerra, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalapally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, and John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State.

MARITIME DISPUTES AND SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES IN EAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine maritime disputes and sovereignty issues in East Asia, after receiving testimony from Scot

Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Robert Scher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, and Peter Dutton, Associate Professor of Strategic Studies, China Maritime Studies Institute, United States Naval War College, both of the Department of Defense; and Dan Blumenthal, American Enterprise Institute, and Richard P. Cronin, The Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

REAL ID ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the REAL ID Act, focusing on identification security, including S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, and Stewart Baker, former Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, Montpelier, and David Quam, Washington, D.C., both of the National Governors Association; Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles, California; and Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Affordable Health Choices Act".

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, July, 16, 2009.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1415, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee began mark up of an original bill to authorize appropriations for